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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Gross et. al.

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Serial No.: 09/014,414

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Examiner: Cesar B. Paula

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For: *Word Checking Tool for Word Processing
Applications & Other Systems*

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AMENDMENT B & RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and response to place this case in condition for allowance:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of checking the meaning of a word in an electronic document, which electronic document has not been published, the method comprising the steps of:
- retrieving said word to be checked from said document;
 - selecting a set of filter words in one or more electronic dictionaries to be used for checking said word, said set of filter words being based in part on considering an identity of an intended recipient of said electronic document;
 - determining whether said word has a particular meaning that is (1) designated as offensive in said set of filter words; and/or (2) is designated as potentially inappropriate in said set of filter words for communication to said intended recipient;
 - wherein the electronic document is checked so as to control initial distribution of such electronic document to said intended recipient.